*Export Duty on Cocoanut Products and Pepper.*

123. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the amount realised as export duty on cocoanut products and pepper in the years 1099, 1100 and 1101 respectively;

(2) the rates of export duty on these commodities during each of the years 1099, 1100 and 1101;

(3) whether the rates have been raised and, if so, why they were so raised; and

(4) whether the rate of duty on pepper was raised on account of the unusual rise in prices and, if so, whether they have ever reduced the rates when there was a corresponding fall in prices?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (1) A statement* showing the figures for the years 1099 and 1100 is laid on the table. It is too early to furnish the figures for 1101.

(2), (3) and (4) A statement† showing the rates of duty on the commodities in 1099, 1100 and 1101 is laid on the table. The rates of duty on the products of the cocoanut tree were not revised during the years 1099, 1100 and 1101; but the duty on pepper was raised in Dhanu 1101, as it was found that the market value of the article had risen considerably. The duty on this article was fixed 40 years ago at the rate of Bh. Rs. 5 per candy which remained unchanged till the 1st Dhanu 1101.

*Import Duty on Tobacco.*

124. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the amount of import duty realised on the several kinds of tobacco, separately, in the years 1099, 1100 and 1101 up to date;

(2) what was the rate of duty on each kind prior to 1096;

(3) when the duty was raised;

(4) whether any change was made in February 1926, in the method of calculating duty per candy by a change in the standard pound weight;

(5) if so, what necessitated the change;

(6) the approximate addition to the revenue per annum under this head on account of the change; and

(7) whether this change has been given retrospective effect to?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) *Kinds of tobacco.* *Amount of duty.*

| | 1099. | 1100. | 1101 Up to Edavam. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Jaffna tobacco | 5,32,597 | 6,19,901 | 4,68,505 |
| Coimbatore tobacco | 10,98,719 | 10,66,001 | 9,39,518 |
| Tinnevelly tobacco | 2,24,813 | 2,25,999 | 1,71,657 |

(2) Bh. Rs. 90 per candy.

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(3) From the 1st Karkatakam 1096.

(4) Yes.

(5) The member is referred to the answer given to question No. 339 asked by Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd April 1926.

(6) Rs. 1,20,000.

(7) No.

*Persons exempted from the Income Tax Regulation.*

125. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of persons exempted from payment of income tax, with the date from which each of such persons was exempted?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have not exempted any individual persons from liability to pay income tax, as such exemptions cannot be granted under the Income Tax Regulation.

*Exemption from the Income Tax Regulation.*

126. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are persons exempted from the Income Tax Regulation in Travancore other than the Members of the Ruling Family of Travancore and, if so, will they be pleased to name them and the dates on which they were exempted?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No. 125 by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.

*Transfer of Grant-in-aid Vaidyans.*

127. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether grant-in-aid *vaidyans* are generally transferred from one station to another and, if so, the number of such transfers effected during the past five years (1096-1100) with the names of the *vaidyans* and the places to which they were transferred;

(*b*) whether these *vaidyans* are eligible for pension and whether the Service Regulations apply to them;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the grant-in-aid *vaidyan* at Chengannur was transferred to Changanachery and an unqualified man was appointed as *vaidyan* in his place; and

(*d*) the circumstances that induced the Government to take this step?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. A statement * containing the names of such *vaidyans* and the places to which they were transferred is laid on the table.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) *Vaidyan* K. Madhava Kurup was transferred from Chengannur (Vadakkekara) to Changanachery (Perunna) and Koshi Kathanar Jacob

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